

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/251,149

windings adjacent to the radially extending folded portion in a circumferential direction remain unfolded so as to define an unfolded portion.

38. (Three Times Amended) A method of making an electrochemical cell comprising the steps of:

providing an electrode stack including alternately arranged first and second electrodes, the first electrode having a first end and a second electrode;

forming a tab connection portion by folding at least one section of successive windings of the first electrode to form a radially extending folded portion, wherein a portion of successive windings adjacent to the radially extending folded portion in a circumferential direction remain unfolded so as to define an unfolded portion.